# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION



# <u>Instructions For Applying for Connecticut Bedding & Upholstered Furniture License</u> and Sterilization/Sanitation Permits

# **MANUFACTURER** (All new filling material)

You may request a Connecticut Uniform Registry Number, or if your firm has been issued a Uniform Registry Number by another state, please request that number on the application. You must submit a copy of your current license if you are requesting a uniform registry number. Only manufacturing plants may hold a manufacturing license. If you are an importer, please see instructions for a importer license.

If your firm uses **feather and down** in your product, you must obtain a Sterilization Permit for the plant doing the sterilization. They must be registered with the State of Connecticut. The State of Pennsylvania also requires a sterilization permit. It is suggested that you first apply to Pennsylvania for this permit as they will not accept the Connecticut permit number.

If your firm does upholstery work and you strip a piece to the frame or you make new pillows or cushions, you will need a manufacturer license and a sterilization/sanitation permit, which Connecticut will issue. New and used materials must be kept separately in your facility unless they have been sanitized. The approved method for sanitation is a chemical spray called Sterifab. See below for instructions on how to apply Sterifab.

All firms must submit duplicate copies of your law labels. It is suggested that printer's proofs be submitted for approval prior to printing the final product to avoid the possibility of an error. If you do not have law tags because you have not been assigned a registration and/or permit number, this office will issue you a number.

# **SUPPLY DEALER** (Manufacturer or sale of filling material)

The supply dealer license is for a firm which manufactures and delivers filling material only into the State of Connecticut. Pillow forms are considered a manufactured product and would require a manufacturer license.

# **RENOVATOR** (Used filling with some new filling added)

As a renovator you may use the original filling material to which new filling material must be added. You may not make new cushions. You will need a Sterilization/Sanitation Permit. New and used materials must be kept separately in your facility unless they have been sanitized. The approved method for sanitation is a chemical spray called Sterifab. See below for instructions on how to apply Sterifab.

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# SECOND HAND DEALER (Sale or rental of second hand bedding or upholstered furniture)

A second hand dealer may sell or rent any used bedding or upholstered furniture. A sterilization/sanitation permit is required. Sanitized and non-sanitized materials must be kept separately in your facility. The approved method for sanitation is a chemical spray called Sterifab. See below for instructions on how to apply Sterifab.

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# **STERILIZATION/SANITATION PERMIT**

Any manufacturer who uses feather and down in the product, upholsters, renovators, and second hand dealers **must** also apply for the permit, or a license will not be issued. Feather and down must be sterilized according to CT regulations. The only approved method of sanitation is Sterifab.

# **LAW LABELS**

# All law labels must meet the following formats:

#### "UNIFORM" TAG FOR UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE AND BEDDING MADE OF NEW MATERIAL

Format approved by Association of Bedding & Furniture Law Officials (ABFLO) at Annual Conference March 1998

Exclusive of the portion required to affix the tag to the article, the minimum size of the tag shall not be less than six (6) square inches (2"x3"), but may be greater as the need demands.

All printing in black ink on Tyvek, Valeron, white vellum cloth or a material of comparable quality, which shall not flake out when

#### ATTACHMENT OF LABELS

The law label for mattresses and foundations shall be securely affixed to the top panel or any other location which is visible to the consumer. Texas accepts in proximity to any advertising label or company logo.

#### **BODY AND CUSHIONS**

Must have separate descriptions when cushions are loose. TN requires a tag on each loose cushion. CA, OH, and PA require separate descriptions for "Body", "Seat Cushions" and "Back Cushions". CT, OH, CA, and PA require that open parentheses () follow "Cushion", in which the number of loose, but essential cushions must be entered.

Space for Stitching

UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED **EXCEPT BY CONSUMER** 

> ALL NEW MATERIAL Consisting of

Reg. No.

Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described

in accordance with law.

(NAME OF MANUFACTURER OR VENDOR) (ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER OR VENDOR) (OTHER INFORMATION)

- Date of delivery which Connecticut requires
- Finish size and/or weight of filling
   RN#'s, Federal Requirements, Country of Origin
- 4. UPC code can go on bottom of label this way, those states that don't allow UPC code can cut

In black ink, minimum type size 1/8" in height

Insert description of filling materials by clearly imprinting in English, using capital letters not less than 1/8" in height or not less than 9 point type.

Any and all federal requirements and any reference thereto, if placed on a law label, shall be placed at the

bottom of the label only and shall be separated from program requirements by a line across the

#### "UNIFORM" TAG FOR ANIMAL AND FOWL AND ANY OTHER FILLING MATERIAL REQUIRING STERILIZATION

#### FILLING MATERIALS DESCRIPTION

Shall be described by the true generic name grade, description term, or definitions of the filling material as accepted and approved by the state. When more than one kind of filling material is used in a mixture, the percent by weight of each shall be listed in order of their predominance. Federal fiber tolerance standards are applicable. In the case of non-down filled articles, any fiber or groups of individual fiber present in an amount of less than 5% by weight, of the total fiber content may be designated only as "other fibers".

LINDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY CONSUMER

> ALL NEW MATERIAL Consisting of

CONTENTS STERILIZED Permit No.

Reg. No.

Certification is made by the manufacturer that the materials in this article are described

in accordance with law.
(NAME OF MANUFACTURER OR VENDOR) (ADDRESS OF MANUFACTURER OR VENDOR)
(OTHER INFORMATION)

- Date of delivery which Connecticut requires 2. Finish size and/or weight of filling
- 3. RN#'s, Federal Requirements, Country of
- Origin
- those states that don't allow UPC code can cut

Space for Stitching

In black ink, minimum type size 1/8" in height

Insert description of filling materials by clearly imprinting in English, using capital letters not less than 1/8" in height or not less than 9 point type.

Any and all federal requirements and any reference thereto, if placed on a law label, shall be placed at the bottom of the label only and shall be 4. UPC code can go on bottom of label - this way, separated from program requirements by a line across the

NOTE: Cannot print on back of label, dual language not allowed. Limit additional information only to what's required by state laws. Please contact the states where product will be sold to ascertain individual state requirements before printing tags.

# STERILIZATION STATEMENT

If sterilized material is used, the words "Contents Sterilized" must be shown in 18 point type (minimum). MN also requires the date of sterilization at least 10 point type. CT requires bold face type, at least 1/8" high. In CA "Contents Sterilized" is permissible on plumage-filled products only. In AR "Contents Sterilized" cannot appear.

# **General Specifications of Yellow Tags**:

Each tag shall conform to sample. All printing shall be in black ink. Required statements, filling materials, registry and permit numbers shall be at least 1/8" in height. The tag must be yellow on both front and back.

Tags shall be made of linen, muslin, or other durable material which will not flake when abraded.

Minimum size for tags shall be six (6) square inches.

State abbreviation must appear in front of registry and permit numbers.

# **RENOVATOR LAW LABEL**

UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER
This article contains the same material received from the owner, to which has been added
Reg. No. Per. No.
This article must not be sold. It is the property of and must be returned to the owner.
CONTENTS SANITIZED
OWNER_ADDRESS_
Remade and Renovated by
Date Sanitized

# **SECOND HAND LAW LABEL**

UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED
EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER
This article contains SECOND HAND MATERIAL consisting of CONTENTS UNKNOWN
Reg. No. Per. No.
Certification is made that the materials in this article are described in accordance with law.
CONTENTS SANITIZED
SOLD BY
Date Sanitized

# WHOLESALE RENOVATOR LAW LABEL mattresses/box springs)

UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER This article contains SECOND HAND MATERIAL consisting of
CONTENTS UNKNOWN to which new filling material has been added:
Reg. No. Per. No.
CONTENTS SANITIZED
Remade and Renovated by
Date Sanitized

STATEMENTS REQUIRED ON TAGS SHALL BE IN CAPITOL LETTERS AT LEAST NINE POINTS OR ONE-EIGHTH OF AN INCH IN HEIGHT, AND IN BLOCK LETTERING WITHOUT SERIF.

# **PRINTING COMPANIES**

Lebon Press 73 Homestead Avenue P O Box 320430 Hartford, CT 06132-0430 Tel. (860)278-6355 Fax (860)527-3786 www.lebonpress.com

Printcraft Company Inc. 59 City Lake Rd Lexington, NC 27295 336-248-2544 marvinsmith@pcraftinc.com

American Law Label, Inc. 1660 S. Research Loop, Ste. 110 Tucson, Arizona 85710 520 546 6200 520 546 6203 Fax www.americanlawlabel.com

Southern Label Co. 624 Clifford Circle Birmingham, AL 35210 888-829-8080 www.southernlabel.com

Legal Label Inc 58 Stroudwater Place Westbrook, ME 04092 Toll Free: 877-481-0734 Fax: 207-856-1001 www.legallabel.com

# **Approximate amounts for use of STERI FAB**

Usage per double bed: 6 – 8 oz

5 Gallon: Approximately 80 applications

(40 sets - mattresses/boxsprings)

4 Gallons: Approximately 64 applications one case (16 applications per gallon/8 sets

12 Pints: Approximately 24 applications

one case (12 sets)

NOTE: Larger mattresses will decrease yield. The information above should serve as an approximate guide. Spray patterns and nozzle adjustments will affect the amount used. **Read the label thoroughly before using.** 

Steri fab should be sprayed on using a nozzle sprayer. Sterifab must be shaken thoroughly before and during application.

### **Sterifab Dealers**

B & M Upholstery Supply 332 Geer Road Lebanon, CT 06249 Phone: (860)886-1884

Fax: (860)886-4209

Deary's Gymnastics Supply

17 Lucienne Avenue Danielson, CT 06239 Phone: (800)932-3339 Fax: (860)779-0854

JCN Services 135 Stebbins Rd Somers, CT 06071 Phone: (860)749-5667 Fax: (860)749-0322

Residex 228 Murphy Rd Hartford, CT 06114 Phone: (860)728-6639

(888) 267-7751

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